

**REMARKS**

Applicant has carefully reviewed the above-noted Office Action, and herein amends the present Application. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Applicant has amended pending Claim 1 to overcome the Examiners rejection of Claim 1, incorporating Claim 2 which the Examiner considered allowable, but which was objected to in the Office Action for reason of depending from a rejected base claim. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the objection to Claim 1.

With Claim 1 now allowable, Claims 3-11 which incorporate the limitations of Claim 1 should now be allowable over the prior art of record. Claims 3-11 incorporate the limitations of Claim 1, adding further limitations thereto, and since Claim 1, as amended, is now allowable over the prior art of record, Claims 3-11 should also not be allowable. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 3-11.

Applicant respectfully traverses rejection of Claim 12 over the prior art of record. Claim 12, in lines 3-9, includes the limitations similar to those set forth in Claim 1 as amended, and previous Claim 2. These limitations include “a feeder base of substantially planar shape which is horizontally disposed.... having an entrance section defined by an entrance slot which extends into said substantially planar shape and defines a substantially U-shaped entrance section... extending approximately two-thirds of a longitudinal length of said feeder base...” Applicant respectfully submits that the forgoing limitations, in combinations with other features of the pet feeder set forth in Claim 12, are not set forth or suggested by the prior art of record. Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of Claim 12 over the prior art of record.

Applicant traverses the rejection of Claims 13-17. Claims 13-17 depend from Claim 12 and incorporate each of the limitations of Claim 12. Since Claim 12 is allowable, as applicant as argued above, Claims 13-17 which incorporate each of the limitations of Claim 12 should also be allowable over the prior art of record. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of

the rejection of Claims 13-17.

Applicant notes the Examiner found Claims 18-21 allowable over the prior art of record.

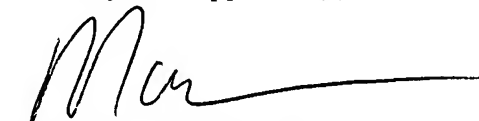
Applicant requests a telephone interview with the Examiner should the Examiner not find the present application in condition for allowance, and requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney listed below to arrange an appropriate time to discuss any substantive issued pending in the Application after entry and consideration of this Amendment.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place the application in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of the claims as amended and that the Application proceed to issuance.

The U.S. Patent & Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees due or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 502112/GCBL-27,247US for the firm CHAUZA & HANDLEY, L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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